

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, June 23, 2004 minutes

Shrewsbury, Municipal Town Hall

Present: Acting Chairperson, Nicholas Pepper; Arthur LeDoux; Kenneth Polito; Michael Paika; Melvin Gordon;

Absent: John Wilson; Chairperson Chief A. Wayne Sampson; Tristan Lundgren; Cpt.Ashe;

Meeting convened at 7:02 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes of May 26, 2004 meeting, seconded and unanimous

Bills and expenses- none

Treasurer's report: To date- \$14,747.25 another \$250.00 not deposited. All letters requesting donations for weed control have been sent out.

Commissioner's reports:

K.Polito- no report

A.LeDoux: Since last meeting the issue of resident complaints of litter and illegal parking at N. Lake Avenue, spoke with Worcester DPW. Received a positive response and will see patrolling increased.

M.Paika: Shrewsbury Boat House is currently under construction.

b. Weeds at Flint Pond growing considerably; looking for volunteers to co-agenda, sponsor or a fund raiser. Presently need \$5,000 for another weed treatment.

c. Geese & goslings are here, please do not feed

d. Michael Perna is finishing his 3rd book on Lake Quinsigamond and White City Amusement Park; it will be available for sale the 2nd or 3rd week of October.

e. City of Worcester upcoming July 4th fireworks, to reiterate the importance of boating safety.

f. This organization is state represented and wishes Worcester Cable to broadcast our meetings; this would enhance more participation from surrounding towns.

N.Pepper: Dock applications to date, received approximately 395, and estimate 125 outstanding.

b. The lake level is lowering due to lack of rain and still need to relocate several marker buoys. The one at Half Moon Cove entrance has been installed, however if you have any, please bring them to the Shrewsbury Boat house or contact Nick Pepper.

N. Allen: At last meeting was asked to rewrite request for proposal on weed control. Due to lack of monies, this has not been done.

Also, at last meeting gave a copy of Quality Assurance Project plan for 319 projects. If anyone wishes to obtain a copy of this document please call the Health Department at (508) 841-8512 or on the town website.

Any comments, questions, changes or recommendations are welcome from the commissioners or the public. Recently, received two and one half sheets of comments from DEP, and when these documents reflect the changes, will bring back before the commission.

Lincoln Pearson: Plans for removing shopping carts and debris from the lake is scheduled for this Saturday. Need volunteers to help remove shopping carts (45) from Lake Quinsigamond near the route 9 bridge. Presently, three trucks are lined up and volunteers are urged to bring gloves, and arrive at 9:00am

at Bugaboo Creek Restaurant. Purpose is to return carts to current owners so they will be responsible to dispose their own property.

One must pay to have metal recycled. Barrie Shore, the owner of White City Plaza has agreed to contribute the first \$100.00 to meet this expense.

N.Allen:

b. Central MA Congress of Lakes and Ponds meeting held last June- on Registering and Inspecting of Dams. Information and state regulations on dams is on the Lake Quinsigamond Watershed Association website and also COLAPCENTRAL.ORG. Over the next few months, will continue to bring information to this commission. It is important to determine who owns Stringer Dam and the Irish Dam. Our tax maps now say that the Commonwealth of MA owns but the Dam Safety Program is trying to give away these dams so others are responsible for the inspections, registrations and continued maintenance.

Lincoln Pearson added-the speaker also stated that some dams located in the central Massachusetts area came under the jurisdiction of the County Commission which is no longer in existence.(files have been passed on to agencies) Several engineers are now working on these records and trying to complete each one.

M.Paika- For geographic location the Stringer Dam is located in Shrewsbury and the Irish Dam in Grafton.

Chairman Pepper:

a. Corrazzini Boat Ramp-The following is a statement received on June 3, 2004:

“State Boat Ramp Renovations

The Corrazzini Boat Ramp on North Quinsigamond Avenue has received state funding through the Public Access Board for a ramp extension and new board docks.

The ramp is expected to be closed intermittently during the next few weeks as construction begins. The Public Access Board will keep the ramp open during the holiday weekend consisting of the following dates Saturday, July 3rd, Sunday, July 4th, and Monday, July 5th.

Beginning Tuesday, July 6th the ramp will be shut down permanently through mid to late July at which time the major renovations will take place. After that period of time the ramps will be closed intermittently until the project is completed in late July/ early August.

While the Corrazzini Boat Ramp is closed, boats with a draft of 24 inches or less can use the Oak Island Boat ramp on Route 20 in Shrewsbury to access Lake Quinsigamond. Boaters are urged to use caution when going under the Route 20 Bridge and to watch for rocks in the passageway. Boats with a draft greater than 24 inches can use Oak Island Boat ramp to access Flint Pond south of Route 20.”

b. Carol Hamilton resident of Fifth Avenue continuation from last meeting requesting a waiver for an oversized dock for handicap accessibility. Son, Jayson Hamilton of 7 Fifth Ave was present.

Four commissioners inspected the two issues:

1. The most recent additional new dock was removed.

2. Inspected the larger dock that was constructed without permission and under due circumstances, would accept waiver from our rules and regulations a one time ruling to enlarge. Also received correspondence from family's physician.

Commissioner Gordon made motion to grant the waiver. Seconded and all in favor.

c. Commissioner Cpt Ashe is retiring and tonight would have been his last mtg.

d. Next month to advertise a public hearing -Lake View Landing dock

Presently LQC has issued seven (7) dock permits, and Lake View Landing is requesting another two (2). Chairman Pepper suggests re-inspecting before next meeting and returning with findings.

e. Boat parade- none this year

M.Paika- Proposed to invite Cpt. Ashe to our next meeting and present him with a Friends of Lake plaque for his dedicated service of sixteen years to this commission. Also suggested, to invite Sen.Glodis, and acknowledge a statement or citation from the Governor.

Next meeting to be July 28, 2004 at 7:00pm

Motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded

Respectfully submitted,

K. Hemmerdinger